THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) No authentic data on begging by young children and women is available. So far, 18 States and 3 Union Territories have enacted anti beggary laws to tackle the problem.

Setting up of district rehabilitation centres

2076. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up District Rehabilitation Centres for Physically handicapped persons in the country particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the names of DRCs presently functioning in the country, location-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more such centres indicating the budgetary allocations made therefor during 2006-07, State-wise; and

(d) by when these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) DRCs were set up in the years 1984 to 1989 at the following locations:— (i) Virar in Maharashtra, (ii) Jagdishpur and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh, (iii) Midnapore in West Bengal, (iv) Bhiwani in Haryana, (v) Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, (vi) Mysore in Karnataka, (vii) Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh, (viii) Kota in Rajasthan, (ix) Chengalpattu in Tamil Nadu and (x) Bhubneshwar in Orissa.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No new DRCs are proposed to be set up.

Study on deliberately maimed beggars

2077. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NIOH Kolkata is doing a study from the orthopaedic aspect on the number of deliberately maimed beggars in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata;